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## Kauai's Young People

### The Maple and the Holly

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Once a maple tree and a holly tree grew side by side. The leaves of the maple were fairly pretty all through the season from spring until late in summer, but the leaves of the holly were prettier. The seed vessels of the maple put on little wings in the spring and flew away, while the seeds of the holly grew until winter, and then, inclosed in little red berries, hung upon the tree.

The maple tree had been envious of the holly all through the warm months, because of the beauty of its glossy leaves and of its ripening berries.

When October came, an early frost painted the leaves of the maple in vivid colors. There were shades of red and yellow and bronze and orange mingled in every leaf, until the whole tree seemed like a big bouquet of the rarest-colored flowers.

The maple became proud and did not notice the holly, except once, and then only to say haughtily:

"Behold me now! I knew I was born to fortune, and glory would come to me if I did but wait. I pity you, poor holly; for, though people liked you all summer and cared nothing for me, now they simply like you, as before, but they admire me."

"I am content," replied the holly, "simply to be liked, if I am liked at all seasons."

The weeks fled by, and more frost came, and the gaudy leaves of the maple lost their bright colors, and became brown and withered. Then the leaves soon dropped off, so that the branches of the maple stood bare and cheerless when the winds of winter blew and the snows of Christmas time were piled in long drifts in the fields.

One day a merry group of children came trooping through the wood, and one of them, a little girl, stopped and clapped her hands and cried: "Oh how beautiful!" Then they gathered about the holly tree, and admired its strong shiny leaves, holding firmly to their stems, with the snow lodged on them, and the scarlet berries hanging in pretty clusters on the slender twigs.

Birch, alder, chestnut, and maple—all were bare; yet the holly stood with its holiday suit of green, studded with gems of red, smiling and cheerful even in the midst of winter. The children gathered wreaths of holly branches with which to festoon their houses for Christmas. The maple heard a boy say that the holly was to have the place of honor in a hall in which there was to be a Christmas festival, a scene of splendor.

"Ah, yes," said the maple, "the holly was wise. It is better to be content to be liked all the time; far better than to be first unnoticed, then for a season admired, and finally forgotten. For who knows but he that is simply liked may in time come to be highly honored?"

### WHY BILLY-GOAT'S TAIL IS SHORT

Continued from last week.  
"How do you get your meat, my young friends?"

"Mr. Dog said he depended on his teeth, and Mr. Billy-Goat, thinking to be on the safe side, said he also depended upon his teeth."

"As for me," cried Mr. Wolf, "I depend on my feet;" and with that he dropped his fiddle and jumped at Mr. Billy-Goat. But he knocked the broom down and the handle tripped him. It was very sudden, but by the time Mr. Wolf had recovered himself Mr. Billy-Goat and Mr. Dog had gone considerable distance.

"They ran and ran until they came to a big creek. Mr. Billy-Goat asked Mr. Dog how he was going to get across."

"Swim," said Mr. Dog.  
"Then I'll have to bid you good-by," replied Mr. Billy-Goat, "for I can't swim a stroke."

"By this time they had arrived at the bank of the creek, and they could hear Mr. Wolf coming through the woods. They had no time to lose. Mr. Dog looked around on the ground, gathered

some jan-weed, yan-weed, and tan-weed, rubbed them together, and squeezed a drop of the juice on Mr. Billy-Goat's horns. He had no sooner done this than Mr. Billy-Goat was changed into a white rock.

"Then Mr. Dog leaped into the creek and swam across. Mr. Wolf ran to the bank, but there he stopped. The water was so wide it made tears come in his eyes; so deep that it made his legs ache; and so cold that it made his body shiver."

"When Mr. Dog arrived safely on the other side, he cried out, 'Aha! you are afraid! You've drowned poor Mr. Billy-Goat, but you are afraid of me. I dare you to fling a rock at me!'"

"This made Mr. Wolf so mad that he seized the white rock and threw it at Mr. Dog with all his might. It fell near Mr. Dog, and instantly became Mr. Billy-Goat again. But in falling a piece was broken off, and it happened to be Mr. Billy-Goat's tail. Ever since then he has had a very short tail."

"Were you there, Mr. Rabbit?" asked Sweetest Susan bluntly.

"I was fishing at the time," replied Rabbit. "I heard the noise they made, and I turned around and saw it just as I've told you."

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